



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 3748**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Shinya HIROTA et al.

Group Art Unit: 3748

Application No.: 10/088,476

Examiner: T. NGUYEN

Filed: March 20, 2002

Docket No.: 112340

For: EXHAUST GAS PURIFICATION DEVICE

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the December 16, 2003 Office Action, the period for reply being extended to June 16, 2004 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, and in view of the May 13, 2004 Advisory Action, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**